

Atkinson

GIVEN HIS RIGHTS AT LAST.

The Great Wetzel County Theft and the Ohio County Juglery Rebuked

By the United States House of Representatives—Pendleton Speaks

A LITTLE CAMPAIGN PIECE,

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Democrats Will Make a Test Case of Speaker Reed's Ruling Before the Supreme Court.

WILL BE A DIVIDED HOUSE,

For Wise Democrats Advise Against the Move and the Republicans Want it to Go On.

Atkinson the Lion of the Hour in Washington—How Speaker Reed Met a Crisis—Major McKinley Says the Republicans Will be Sustained by the Courts, but Who Will Appeal?

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The names of seventy-one gentlemen having been recorded as present and not voting, said Speaker Reed to-day, "a quorum is present and participating under the Constitution."

"I make the point of no quorum voting," said O'Reel, of Virginia.

"The resolution is adopted by a vote of yeas, 102; nays, none," continued the Speaker, without noticing the interruption, "and the gentleman who has been seated will come forward and take the oath of office."

The big clock over the centre gallery marked exactly 2:35 this afternoon when Mr. Atkinson took his place before the bar of the House and the Speaker slowly and impressively administered the oath. Immediately the applause broke forth both on the floor and in the galleries. A bouquet was thrown down from the gallery, followed by a shower of cards. A huge ovation followed an enormous bouquet for the new member and the most memorable political contest in the history of the First West Virginia district was decided.

MR. PENDLETON DISAPPEARS.

Pendleton remained in his seat apparently engrossed in a newspaper until the ceremonies were all completed. Then he disappeared into a cloak room to appear no more on the floor of the House, and a rapacious Democrat from the back row moved down and took the desirable chair. *Seu transi gloria mundus.*

GOOD ADVICE UNHEEDED.

As soon as the journal of yesterday's proceedings had been ratified the argument upon the case was resumed by Pendleton in his own behalf, although he had been advised by his party friends not to do so. He said that he would not contend for the seat if he did not believe he had been honestly elected to it. He claimed that the minority of the Congressional committee had awarded him nine votes of a majority, which point was utterly exploded by Judge Cooper, of Ohio, who followed, and who showed that the gubernatorial committee had taken no notice of the Wetzel fraud of twenty-two votes, nor of the loss to Atkinson of fourteen in Ohio county.

Passing to the Wetzel matter, and endeavoring to explain the delay in the recent term, Pendleton said that the County Court was in session and counting ballots on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of November, 1888. Chairman Rowell at once interrupted him and appealed to him to say, as an honest man, if the testimony did not show that while the County Court was in session it was not engaged in counting votes. Pendleton made no reply, and the silence which pervaded the House was of the kind that can be felt. As a consequence, the remainder of the argument suffered.

DEMOCRATS SHOW THEIR HAND.

Cooper, of Ohio, closed the debate for the Republicans. Once more were Snodgrass and his procedure thoroughly ventilated. The testimony in detail was received and the point made by Pendleton, as above stated, was answered completely.

SPEAKER REED THEN ANNOUNCED

the previous question as ordered. O'Reel, of Virginia, then moved for the resolution of the minority declaring Pendleton entitled to his seat and the yeas and nays were taken. The result of the vote was, yeas 142, nays 150. Pendleton was unseated. The yeas and nays were then ordered on the resolution of the majority declaring Atkinson elected and entitled to the seat. The Democrats at once showed their hand. The opportunity which they had so fondly anticipated had arrived. They saw that the Republicans could not raise a quorum of their own. Atkinson was seated at the office as usual yesterday, and it was not then known that anything at all was the matter with him. The news of his death was a great shock to his associates at the Navy Department. Commodore White was formerly a member of the Philadelphia Harbor Commission and has held his present commission as Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks only since April last. He was regarded as one of the best officers in the service.

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A GREAT SPECULATION.

Ex-President Cleveland Clears a Hundred Thousand Dollars on his Washington Property.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The Evening Star this afternoon says that F. C. Newlands, representing what is known as the California syndicate, which has recently made some extensive purchases of suburban real estate adjoining the city on the northwest, has purchased from ex-President Cleveland his country place on Tenallytown road, near the city, known as "Oak View." The price paid for the house and about twenty-nine acres of land, was \$140,000. The property was purchased by Mr. Cleveland about four years ago, and with the improvements since made, cost him about \$300,000. Mr. Cleveland is said to have realized on this sale a clear profit of about \$100,000.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate: Supervisor of Census, Payton C. Smithson, Third district of Tennessee.

Postmasters—Pennsylvania, John P. Fletcher, Troy; Cyrus K. Campbell, Pittsburg; Wm. L. Mohr, Muskegon; West Virginia, Howell S. Hazen, Parkersburg; Ohio, Charles S. Warren, Cardington; Wm. M. Williams, West Liberty.

THE SOUTH AMERICAN RAILROAD SCHEME.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—In the House to-day Mr. Buckle, of Pennsylvania, introduced a resolution authorizing the President to cause a reconnaissance to be made for a line of railroad extending south through the Central American States, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia to the City of Sucre, and to detail officers in the public service to prosecute the work.

BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—Senator Paddock to-day introduced a bill for the establishment of a bureau of animal industry to prevent the exportation of diseased cattle, and to provide for the suppression and extirpation of pleuro-pneumonia and other contagious diseases among domestic animals.

CURRENT JUDICIAL NAMES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The President to-day sent to the Senate the following nomination: Henry C. Caldwell, of Arkansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, vice David J. Brewer resigned.

PROHIBITION IN IOWA.

Governor Bales, in his inaugural, says it is a failure and advises a license law.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 27.—In the inaugural address of Governor Bales, newly elected Governor of this State, delivered this afternoon, he proceeded to take up, one by one, the most important public questions now agitating the people of the State of Iowa, discussing them at great length.

Concerning the railway situation he said: "Prior to our present laws, the purchase and transportation was the mercy of the railway companies. They abused their power, and to gain great dividends individual and public rights were alike sacrificed."

Coming to the question of prohibition, the Governor stated that the prohibitory laws had been despised, disregarded and ignored in most of the large cities of the State from the day of its birth down to the present time. The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage had not been diminished. Millions and millions of the capital of citizens had been expended in the business, and then it had been coldly wiped out without an effort to compensate those who were ruined thereby.

Wherever the law had been enforced owners had been impoverished. In his inaugural address the chief obstacle to the enforcement of the law lay in the fact that it was a cruel violation of one of the most valuable of human rights. It was impossible to read the platform of the respective parties without reaching the conclusion that no political issue was ever more clearly defined, more thoroughly discussed and better understood by the masses than that relating to this question in the campaign which preceded the last election. The people of Iowa have through the coming year known to them for settling political issues, passed judgment on this question. They were therefore bound in honor to furnish for those localities desiring it, a most carefully framed license law. Up to the present time they have been allowed to stay within six feet of the doors, but now they must move to a minimum distance of ten feet. This rule, in several instances, pushed doorkeepers into committee rooms on the opposite side of the door, and in such cases has been regarded as sufficient to shut and lock the two doors which separate the press gallery and the press lobby, where the workers do most of their writing. What the Senate expects to do by this change is not clear. Reporters generally are not dull of hearing, but it was never charged that they could hear through four feet of solid wall, or through two heavy doors—one of iron and two inches thick, the other of wood and one inch thick and covered with terra-cotta base.

STILL THEY GOT THE NEWS.

The executive session this afternoon was devoted to confirming nominations and receiving reports from committees. A favorable report was made by the Committee on Commerce upon the nomination of H. C. Warmoth to be Collector of the port of New Orleans.

COMMODORE WHITE DEAD.

He Expires Suddenly After an Attack of Apoplexy—A Popular Officer.

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